

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a vertically disposed pier piling for use by passengers during boarding and exiting a boat floating in the water adjacent to the pier piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface including integrally formed rigid protrusions adapted ~~designed~~ to frictionally engage said base member when positioned against said piling;

a handgrip defined by a first leg and a second leg secured to said back surface with a rigid bridge extending between said legs, said rigid bridge having a receptacle formed from [[form]] an aperture placed in one of said legs and extending through said bridge, said receptacle sized to receive a chemiluminescent light stick, ~~said receptacle made of a clear material~~ rigid bridge

constructed from a translucent material permitting light to pass through for providing an illuminated stationary support for passengers to grasp while boarding said boat whereby said handgrip will glow in darkness, said receptacle positioning said chemiluminescent light stick in an upright vertical position;

means for releasably straping said base member to said piling, said straping constructed and arranged to position said handgrip in a position parallel to said vertically disposed piling ~~a pair of straps connected to said base member each strap is adapted to extend around said piling;~~

whereby said base member is secured to said piling by use of said means for straping ~~straps~~ and said rigid protrusions inhibits movement of said handgrip wherein said handgrip is available for use in boarding and exiting of a boat with said chemiluminescent light stick illuminating said handgrip.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said handgrip are constructed from plastic, said handgrip receptacle being translucent.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said means for straping consists of a first and second strap, each said strap is of a length sufficient to encircle [[said]] a piling between 6 inches and 20 inches diameter.

19. (Previously Presented) The safety handle according to claim 18 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around said piling.

20. (Currently Amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a vertical disposed pier piling for use by passengers during boarding and exiting a boat floating in the water adjacent to the pier piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member having a front surface and a back surface bound by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge,

said front surface including integrally formed rigid protrusions adapted ~~designed~~ to frictionally engage said base member when positioned against said piling;

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface including integrally formed rigid protrusions adapted ~~designed~~ to frictionally engage said base member when positioned against said piling;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap having a proximal end attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge, each said strap of a length sufficient to encircle said piling between 6 inches and 20 inches and adapted to extend around said piling;

a handgrip defined by a first leg and a second leg_ secured to said back surface with a rigid bridge extending between said legs;

whereby said base member is secured to said piling by use of said straps and said rigid protrusions inhibit movement of said base member once attached to said piling wherein said handgrip is available for use in boarding and exiting of said boat.

21. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 20 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.